

WE CLAIM AS OUR INVENTION:

1. An apparatus for automatically determining an individually adapted, non-prefabricated training unit, comprising:

an input device adapted to receive an entry from a training participant;

a data bank in which a plurality of training modules are stored, said training modules having a dependencies on each other and said dependencies also being stored in said data bank; and

a selection device connected to said input device and to said data bank for, in response to, and dependent on, said entry, generating a training unit by combining a number of said training modules taking said dependencies of said training modules on each other into consideration.

2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said training modules has a content with an expert knowledge level associated therewith, and wherein said selection unit generates said training unit from training modules respectively having uniform levels of expert knowledge associated therewith.

3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said modules has a content, and wherein the content of some of said modules is a prerequisite for the content of other modules, and wherein said selection device takes said prerequisite contents into consideration in generating said training unit.

4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said input device allows entry of key words as part of said entry, and wherein said key words are stored in said data bank, and wherein said selection device generates said training unit based on said key words.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said data bank is a data bank containing a plurality of medical education training modules as said training modules.

6. A method for automatically determining learning needs of a training participant and defining a customized training unit for said trainee, comprising the steps of:

- (a) entering, into a computerized system, an entry characterizing learning needs of a training participant selected from the group consisting of learning objectives of a training participant, background knowledge of a training participant, and a requested topic as characteristics of the learning needs of the training participant;
- (b) from among a plurality of training modules stored in said computerized system, determining all training modules responsive to said entry;
- (c) from among said training modules responsive to said entry, identifying selected training modules, dependent on said background knowledge; and
- (d) defining a training unit customized to said training participant from the training modules identified in steps (b) and (c).